

NDE Bulletin
August 9, 2012

2012-2013 NSSRS Calendar

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The 2012-2013 NSSRS Calendar has been updated and can be downloaded from the NSSRS Resources web page <http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs/Resources.html>

NSSRS Data Manager and Student Unique Identifier (Uniq-ID)

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NSSRS Data Manager and Student Unique Identifier (Uniq-ID) will be offline beginning Monday, August 13 for upgrades. We anticipate that Uniq-ID will be available again on Wednesday, August 15, although the exact date for re-opening will depend on the progress of the upgrade processes. NSSRS Data Manager will re-open on Thursday, August 23.

2011-12 Annual Participation Report corrections - Open until August 10, 2012

Contact: Beth Zillig (402-471-2452 or beth.zillig@nebraska.gov)

The 2011-2012 Annual Participation Report (APR) in the Consolidated Data Collections (CDC) will be open until Friday, August 10th for corrections. Districts will still need to have their individual collection opened if corrections are needed to Title I Part A funded Staff, Neglected/Delinquent or Homeless-Unaccompanied.

NCLB Qualified and Student Grades – Make Corrections August 1-10, 2012

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Beginning in 2011-2012, data to determine a teacher's NCLB status is being extracted from the Student Grades template. Please be sure ALL teachers have been included on a Student Grades template, there are numerous staff members appearing as **No course or student grades data reported**. In doing some review of the Student Grades data, it appears that some Student Grades data was reported at the wrong location (i.e. all Student Grades Templates had location 001 rather than the appropriate location) and is therefore not matching up to the teacher. Please review the **NCLB Non-Qualified Verification Report** located in NSSRS Validation and make the necessary corrections between August 1 and August 10, 2012. Not doing so will affect your district's NCLB Qualified status percentages for 2011-2012, as well as the statewide data. This data will be displayed on the 2011-2012 State of the Schools Report

Teachers Assigned Out of Endorsed Area or Level – Make Corrections August 1-10, 2012

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Beginning in 2011-2012, data to determine if a teacher is endorsed or not endorsed is being extracted from the Student Grades and the Student Templates. This data will not be used for meeting Rule 10 but is available for your review and for review by Approval and Accreditation staff. Please review and if necessary make appropriate changes to the Student Grades template. Remember, staff that are monitoring distance learning courses or web-based courses will show on this report, this will be resolved in 2012-2013 with an addition to the Student Grades template.

U.S. Department of Education: Civil Right Data Collection (CRDC)

If you have any questions about SY 2011-12 CRDC, please contact the Partner Support Center:

Click the link for the: [Contact Support Form](#)

Telephone: 1-855-320-6459

Fax: 888-329-3336 (888-FAX-EDEN)

TTY/TDD: 888-403-3336

Opening day is nearing for the U.S. Department of Education's School Year 2011-12 Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC) submission website. The CRDC is currently in the Pre-Collection phase. During this phase, districts are encouraged to use specially designed pre-collection tools to collect and save school year 2011-12 data for submission in September. We encourage you to take advantage of the pre-collection tools during this final month before survey opening day. September is a very busy month for schools and by using these tools now the submission process should be smoother and less burdensome as we start into the next school year.

These pre-collection tools can be found at <http://crdc2011.org/LEA/PreCollectionTools.aspx> and include:

Flat File Specifications: Designed to support larger districts that can use the summer months to prepare their CRDC submission.

Excel Templates: User-friendly templates designed for school districts to collect data and create a data files to upload minimizing the manual data entry into the submission website.

PDF Templates: Designed for districts with 1-2 schools to record the CRDC data to be manually entered into the submission website in September.

Training webinars have also been prepared to introduce the CRDC and the pre-collection tools. To find these and additional CRDC resources, visit www.crdc2011.org.

Nebraska Withdrawal From Mandatory Attendance Form (NDE 10-005)

Contact: Brian Halstead (402-471-0732 or brian.halstead@nebraska.gov)

Beginning July 19, 2012, Section 79-202 provides that any person with legal or actual charge or control of a child who is at least sixteen (16) years of age but less than eighteen (18) years of age may withdraw such child from school before graduation and be exempt from the mandatory attendance laws. Upon the written request of any person who has legal or actual charge or control of such a child, the superintendent of a school district or the superintendent's designee shall conduct an exit interview if the child is enrolled in a school operated by the school district or the child resides in the school district but is enrolled in a private, denominational or parochial school.

Section 79-202(8) provides that the Commissioner of Education shall prescribe the required form for withdrawals pursuant Section 79-202. The Nebraska Withdrawal from Attendance Form can be found in the NDE Portal under the Forms tab along with the Instructions for Completion of the Form, and can be accessed at the following link:

<https://portal.education.ne.gov/site/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabindex=1&tabid=7> Withdrawal from attendance under Section 79-202 shall be valid only if the person making the request signs the prescribed form, the child signs the prescribed form if the reason is required employment to support the child's family, and the Superintendent or designee signs the prescribed form acknowledging that all of the requirements of Section 79-202 have been met.

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We have added an RSS feed that users can subscribe to. Don't forget that the current and past NDE Bulletins can always be found at <http://www.education.ne.gov/ndebulletins/index.html>. The RSS feature can be found at the above webpage in the upper right hand corner (orange icon). RSS feeds can be used with Outlook and a number of web-based feed readers. At this time we will also continue to send the bulletin out via e-mail.

How to contact the NDE Helpdesk

There are three ways to contact the NDE Helpdesk with questions. All three ways get to the same place, so **please only use one of these options.**

1. Submit a "Helpdesk Request" from your portal account. After logging into the NDE Portal, it is available in the upper right corner of the Collection Announcement page. This will be the fastest way to get your request to the NDE Helpdesk.
2. Email : nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov
3. Call Toll Free: 888-285-0556 Please leave your full name, organization, call back number and a brief description of your question.

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